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Letters of  
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## Interesting Historic Letters. 1

Through the  
courtesy of Suel C. Winn  
we will publish each  
week during the fall  
and winter months one  
or more interesting his-  
toric letters taken from  
a lot of several hundred  
which have been left to  
posterity by the famous  
firm of Christopher  
Mitchell & Co., one of



Nantucket's most <sup>2</sup>  
energetic and prosper-  
ous firms of the old  
whaling days. The letters  
were found a few days  
ago by Mr. Winn a-  
mong other ancient  
documents and papers  
which many years ago  
came into the possession  
of his father, the late  
John Winn, being copied  
into a letter book and  
covering the firm's corres-  
pondence with outfitters,  
whaling masters etc.,



between the years 1835<sup>3</sup>  
and 1843. Some of the  
correspondence, especially  
that covering the instruc-  
tions given by the  
Mitchells to the masters  
of their ships is very  
interesting reading.

The first portion of the  
book includes correspon-  
dence bearing on the  
construction of a new  
ship for Christopher  
Mitchell and Co., by  
G. Barstow & Son, at  
Mattapoisett. We present



a few of these letters,<sup>4</sup>  
as follows:

Nantuxet, 16th Octo. 1835,  
Messrs G. Barstow & Son.  
Mattapoisett.

Gentlemen: We will accept  
your terms of the 14th  
inst. for building a ship  
of 300 tons after the  
model of the Christopher  
Mitchell. taking the con-  
tract for that ship for  
your guide, with the  
exceptions named in  
your minutes, for  
copper fastening.



To avoid leaving room for controversy hereafter, it will be best to exchange contracts, written out at length as we did for the C. M., the stern posts to be finished as expressed in that contract. For the first payment, we will forward you a draft on New York ~~for~~ at three days' sight for \$1000. One other on New York at 4 mos. for \$1000, and pay your draft here at sight for \$1000.



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Very respectfully your obt. sots.  
C. Mitchell & Co.

Nantucket, 1st. Decr. 1835.

Messrs. G. Barstow & Son,

Your favor of 28th  
ults. was duly recd. asking  
for the dimensions of  
spars and our opinion  
upon certain improvements.  
The dimensions of masts etc.,  
we will send by the  
next boat. The improve-  
ments which you propose  
we approve of. viz:  
fastening the caps with  
copper bolts instead of  
iron straps & altering the



7 Contract in the  
Article of Waterways for  
the upper deck & sub-  
stituting white pine for  
yellow pine, but not  
for the lower deck.

Anchors & Caboose knees  
we like to have as you  
propose & will send  
dimensions after it is  
ascertained that we shall  
have a use for them -  
for if we are to have  
difficulty with France,  
the Anchor may as well  
be in bar iron and  
the ship in the Forest.



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of the men at the Plow.  
A short time will  
put us in possession  
of information which  
may lead us to have  
further correspondence  
upon this subject. We  
may find it convenient  
for both parties to keep  
still.

Yours, very respectfully,  
C. Mitchell & Co.,

Nantuxet. 1st. April 1836  
Messrs. G. Barstow & Son.

Your favor of 2d Feby  
was read when our har-  
bour was opened &



as you had made <sup>9</sup>  
arrangements with  
your friends for the  
Anchors, we did not  
think necessary to dis-  
turb them; neither did  
we think it necessary  
to say anything about  
plugging the decks or  
upper works, as these  
were not in the Con-  
tract & we did not  
wish it done. When  
you are finishing the  
stern above deck, we



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wish you to have it done as near to the contract as it can be without any regard to your own opinion of beauty. We have put on board Capt. Sturdevant's vessel, two black-tin chambers for the pumps.

Herewith, you have our draft on Josiah Bradlee & Co., Boston for three thousand dollars at 4 mos. on acct. of the April payment, which please to acknowledge,



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and also say if there is  
anything else you wish  
us to attend to.

Very respectfully, your  
obt. svs.

C. Mitchell & Co.,

Nantucket, 11th April 1836.

Messrs. G. Barstow & Son.

Your favor of 4th  
inst. was recd. in due  
course. You have done  
right in deciding to  
finish the stern agree-  
able to the contract.

We think the price  
of salt low enough,



I wish you to engage as much as you think we shall want for the ship. We approve of your manner of fitting the chains & channels as the C. Mitchell's were - mizzen chains long, to come above the rail without chainwales. We sent you the dimensions of masts, yards, etc. in December. If you have not received them, you must let us know it.

Very respectfully, Your obt. servt.  
C. Mitchell & Co.



Nantucket, 4th May 1836.  
Wilson Barstow, Esq.,

The bearer.

Mr. John G. Thurber,  
is going to Mattapoisett  
in pursuit of stock for  
us to repair the Ship  
Maria with; if you  
have any that will suit  
him, we should be glad  
for you to furnish it  
& send your bill to us.  
If he should not find  
such as he wants in  
your yard, you would  
oblige us by giving him



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such information as  
will enable him to  
get it.

Very respectfully, Yours obt.  
servts.

C. Mitchell & Co.

Nantucket, 30th May, 1836.

Wilson Barstow, Esq.,

Yours favour of 28th  
was received by the  
Boat yesterday. The Boat  
leaves again this morning  
before the Bank opens;  
therefore we cannot  
send the money this trip.  
but will send it on



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Wednesday. We would not have troubled you with the draft on Boston if we had not supposed it would be as good as Cash, less the discount. We will send the money for the timber by Capt. Sturtevant. The Breasthook we have found here. We shall come with the Boat after the Ship.

Respect-ly. Yr obt. Svs,  
C. Mitchell & Co.



Nantucket, 30th Octo. 1835

Mr. L. Gay, Albany, N. Y.

Sir: A vessel has arrived here from Albany with 7 or 8 Thousand dressed staves on board, belonging to Messrs.

Myrick and Meader, Coopers of this place.

We have made inquiry of them to learn why they imported these staves without our consent. They say they were informed at Albany that they had a right to bring them into this County.



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This information is not correct. We purchased the right for this County of the Patenters in Boston for Six hundred dollars & shall not consent for anybody to infringe upon that right with impunity. We have settled with Mr. Myrick for this parcel upon amicable terms & shall inform all the masters of packets that it is our intention to prosecute everyone who introduces these slaves into this County without



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our consent. we have  
heard nothing from Mr.  
Folger, respecting slaves  
this season.

Very respectfully, your most obt.  
C. Mitchell & Co.

Nantuxet, 30th. Octr. 1835.

Mr. Thos. Folger, Geneva.

Dear Sir: Since we wrote  
you on the 14th July by  
Mr. Barrett. we have sold  
15 thousand more of the  
Hhd. Slaves at \$50, to be  
paid in cashes next  
spring, which leaves  
about 4 thousand unsold



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& if there is no demand for these soon, we shall take them to our own shop. We have sold some more of the pipes at \$50, but the demand for them is very small.

We do not know what your intention is about shipping staves; but if you conclude to quit, we should like to know it, as we should wish to sell the patent right for this County before we get involved in a law suit by



having our right  
infringed upon.

Importations have already  
commenced of purchases  
made in Albany of  
Mr. Gay by Chas. G. My-  
rick & Reuben Meader,  
who say that they were  
informed in Albany that  
they were at liberty to  
bring them here. We  
have made a compromise  
with them this time &  
told them we should  
prosecute next time.



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The last account we have of the Maria is by the Francis at New Bedford on the off-shore ground, 10th May with 1,650 bbls, to cruise the year out & then home.

Very respectfully your friends,  
C. Mitchell & Co.

Nantucket. 7th Nov. 1835.

Stephen Merrihew, Esq.,  
Merchants Ins. Co.

Sir: We perceive that the information from the Sandwich Island



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makes it out that the Ship Phebe leaks badly. This information is not correct. We have a letter from Capt. Russell, dated Oaker, 21st June, 1835; he says his Ship is in good order excepting a leak of about 50 strokes per hour, which has not increased any for the last three months. She would leave in about 2 hours for the Coast of Japan.



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None of his crew had  
deserted at the islands.  
This, of itself, would  
be sufficient to show  
that the ship did not  
leak badly.

Very respectfully your most obt.  
C. Mitchell & Co.

P.S. The Peruvian was re-  
ported by the Black  
Warrior on her passage  
home, leaking badly.

When the ship arrived,  
Capt. Coggeshall inform-  
ed us that in bad  
weather, the ship leaked  
about one hundred strokes  
per hour. C. M.



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Nantucket, 12th Nov. 1835.

Mr. Nathan Comstock.

Dear Sir: Your favour  
of 9th ults. was duly  
received with your  
acct. current, showing  
a balance in our favour  
of \$108.57. Our books were  
made conformable thereto.  
Here with you have  
an invoice of 29 casks  
Fall strained oil on  
board the Schr. Cham-  
pion, Capt. Ed. H.  
Swain, for our acct.  
This is the first oil



25  
which we have strained  
this season. The weather  
has been so mild until  
now that good Fall oil  
could not be made  
before, although we  
perceive that our neigh-  
bors have been shipping  
it for some time,  
apparently in haste to  
realize good prices; but  
from the information  
which we are daily  
receiving from the ships  
in the Pacific Ocean,  
there is no doubt but



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the price will keep up.  
Very respectfully your friends,  
C. Mitchell & Co.

Nantucket, 18th Nov. 1835.  
Messrs. Joseph Bradlee & Co..  
Gentlemen: Your favour  
of the 14th inst. came to  
hand by yesterday's mail.  
We observe that you have  
on Hand Duck. Copper  
& Hemp. The two first  
name we shall not  
want before next  
spring, but if you



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have any first quality  
Hemp, such as you  
can recommend to make  
the standing rigging of  
a new ship out of, you  
may ship us six tons  
by either of the Schooners  
Enterprise or Geo. Washington.  
Herewith you have an  
invoice of 24 casks first  
quality Fall strained  
Sperm oil on board  
sloop Nantucket, Capt.  
C. C. Myrick. When we  
speak of this bit as  
being first quality,



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we mean that it is as good as can be made at this season of the year, it all having been strained the last week, but it will not stand exposure to frost without chilling, any more than Fall strained oil made in Boston will.

Very respectfully Your friends,

C. Mitchell & Co.



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Nantucket 9th January.  
1836.

Mr. Thos. Folger.

Dear Sir: Some apology  
is required from us  
for not answering yours  
of the 9th Nov. as soon as  
it was received & we  
have no doubt but you  
have thought so yourself,  
but we do not know  
whose door to lay it to.  
except that of neglect - a  
very poor excuse too. You  
will say. We have sold  
the remainder of the  
Hoghead Staves, to be



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paid for in Casks when the ships want them. We are preparing a place to build a shed large enough to keep Staves from being exposed to the weather, Should you send us any more. As long as the whaling business is carried on from here, Staves will be wanted for the Casks; but it is not for us to say whether you can make it profitable or not. Your present experience is worth something & might qualify



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you to judge for yourself. After the gale on the lake at Buffalo, we expected to hear that you had lost the Schooner, but the papers did not tell us so. We are expecting soon to hear that you have sold the Farm.

We were somewhat disappointed in not getting a better voyage by the Peruvian, but it was principally owing to the age of the ship. We have not sold out entirely but have



Concluded to hold one quarter; and Seth holds one eighth. This does not enable us to pay the note, for we have not yet sold any of the oil; and then we have laid down the keel of a new one, 330 tons — one quarter for Seth. Poor encouragement to build new ones, you will say!

We have just received a letter from Capt. Alex. Macy, dated at Payta, 5th Oct., after an unsuccessful cruise, in which he saw whales but



three times & took 150 bbls.,  
which makes him but  
1,500 bbls. He had  
caulked the ship all  
above the bends & done  
considerable repairs to the  
ship & says she is now in  
good order: had paid  
all his bills & could  
add something to his  
provisions without drawing  
for funds. I think we need  
not look for him until  
after the middle of  
April, as he does not  
wish to come on this  
coast before that time  
on account of the ship,



if he can <sup>34</sup> stay so long.  
 Says he has good officers  
 & a good crew & they  
 are all well & all  
 they want is to see  
 whales & they can get  
 them, but thinks they are  
 as plenty in the Atlantic  
 Ocean as in the Pacific.

At the present price of  
 oil, this would be a sav-  
 ing voyage, but we do  
 not expect that it will  
 maintain its present price  
 through the spring, for  
 there are a large number  
 of ships to arrive  
 between this & June.



We have a few thousand of the thin pipe staves (say three or four) remaining unsold. These we expect to get rid of in the spring at \$50, the price which we have been selling them at.

Mr. Barrett has not discouraged any of us from traveling. It is owing to various other causes.

The coming season will find business enough for us all at home, if Jackson does not get us any further into



this foolish scrape with France. There is great danger yet. Your former neighbor Abisha Bunkers died yesterday. Cousin John Bearse lives yet, but has lost all his reason. Father & Mother Mitchell are about the same; at least we do not discover any difference since last Summer. The other members of the family are as well as usual. The Mariner is looked for next May. We omitted mentioning in the right place that we had settled



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with the persons who  
had infringed on our  
patent; they paid us  
one dollar per thousand,  
sufficient only to let  
them know that the right  
belonged to us alone.

Respectfully your friends,  
C. Mitchell & Co.



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Nantucket, 19th Jan'y. 1836.  
Messrs. Josiah Bradlee & Co.

Gentlemen: We wrote you  
on the 16th inst. by the  
Enterprise requesting that  
if you had not sold the  
Hemp which you were  
expecting by the Imoleon,  
you would ship us  
five tons by the Enterprise  
& five tons by the Geo.  
Washington & get the  
whole insured. These  
vessels are loaded & only  
waiting a wind, and  
by the time they can  
make their trips, it  
will be necessary for



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us to have a part of the  
Hemp, unless we are to  
have a war with France;  
therefore if yours is sold,  
we wish you to purchase  
that quantity & ship it  
as above.

Very respectfully your friends,  
C. Mitchell & Co.

Nantucket. 12th March. 1836  
Mr. Thos. Folger.

Dear Sir: Your favour  
of the 8th ulto. came to  
hand when the embargo  
which had laid upon  
us was raised. We  
are sorry that we



disappointed you on the score of money, but when we received your November letter our money was all laying in oil and we have not yet been able to realize more cash from it than was required to make our payments on the new ship.

In quitting the slave contract, we shall have to sacrifice the cost of the patent right, unless we find someone who will be willing to take it off our hands for the remaining



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seven years. We are glad  
to find that Thomas &  
Henry were safe in the  
gale, and think you  
have good cause to be  
grateful to a kind  
Providence for their  
protection.

You will have  
seen by the papers that  
the Chas. Carroll has  
arrived with a good  
voyage and that the  
reports the Maria with  
1,500 bbls. This is what  
Capt. Macy writes us he  
has got; he also writes  
that he shall use up



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two months in looking for whales on his passage home, & that we need not look for him until after the middle of April & we were in hopes that he would add something to his oil in that time; but as Jarvis Bourne was coming by Holmes Hole today he saw a ship coming out & spoke her & it was the Maria, with 1,500 barrels.

We have called on Capt. West to know if he was authorized by you to take care of



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your oil. & he informs us that he is not.

This being the case, we have concluded to take it up and store it in the slave yard in front of G. C.'s house, where it will be safe & free from expense until we hear from you.

Half-past four. P.M.  
Capt. Macy has just arrived & informs us that he was obliged to make the



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best of his way home  
on account of the  
Scurvy, being entirely  
out of vegetables. He  
has one man down  
with the Scurvy now.  
He took one 40-bbl.  
whale off Trinidad.  
Very respectfully your friends.  
C. Mitchell & Co.



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Nantucket. 24th March. 1836.  
Messrs. Josiah Bradlee & Co.  
Gentlemen: Your favour  
of 19th inst. is recd.  
with a bill of one  
bale raven's duck on  
board the Olympus &  
a copy of the docu-  
ments from Louisville.

We shall avail  
ourselves of the liberty  
of drawing with the  
understanding that you  
shall be in possession  
of more property than  
sufficient to meet the  
bills before they come



due. We have drawn <sup>46</sup> on you this day in favour of James Athearn for two thousand dollars at 4 mos. Our ~~first~~ <sup>next</sup> draft will be for \$ 3,000. 1st April in favour of G. Barston & Son.

With regard to the demand of L. & G. Bell for bad oil to be made good, we think the amount in this case is not sufficient to stand a law. suit, as we did in the



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Baltimore case & after  
being more than ten  
years in dispute,  
sunk more than the  
whole amt. of the oil  
which was sold at \$1.15  
per gallon.

We have become  
quite familiar with  
these demands & do not  
feel alarmed when  
they are made.

If you  
cannot satisfy Messrs.  
Thining & Perkins that  
the oil was such as  
you sold it for,



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you had better make  
a compromise with  
them. & charge us with  
the loss. When we made  
you those shipments of  
Winter oil, we had not  
a gallon of any other  
kind of manufactured  
oil in our possession.

Very respectfully your friends,  
C. Mitchell & Co.

Nantucket. 1st April, 1836.  
Mr. Nathan Comstock,

Dear Sir: The bearer,  
Samuel King, has been  
a voyage to the Pacific



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Ocean in our ship.  
Maria & is now about  
visiting New York for  
the purpose of sending  
some of his earnings  
to his friends in Ireland  
& we have taken the  
liberty of giving him  
a draft for two  
hundred & fifty dollars  
at sight. You would  
oblige us by paying  
the same & charge the  
amt. to our acct.

Very respectfully your friends.  
C. Mitchell & Co.



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Nantucket. 4th April. 1836.  
Messrs. Josiah Bradlee & Co.,  
Gentlemen: Your favour  
of 30th ulto., covering  
sales of 26 casks Fall  
strained oil. This will  
not stand a degree  
of cold much below  
the freezing point, without  
chilling. We shall have  
another invoice ready  
to ship by the last of  
this week.

Very respectfully your friends.

C. Mitchell & Co.



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Nantucket, 4th April, 1836.  
Messrs. Josiah Bradlee & Co.,  
Gentlemen: Agreeably to  
our advises of 4th inst.,  
we herewith hand you  
another invoice of  
spring strained oil by  
the Schr. Geo. Washington,  
Capt. J. J. Whitney.

This is not quite so  
light-colored as the  
last invoice, but we  
think it will stand  
the cold better than  
that. We have drawn  
on you this day for  
one thousand dollars



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at 4 mos. in favour  
of James Athearn.  
The risk on  
the Maria expired on  
the 21st. March; our  
premium notes for  
this risk are No. 18,177  
for \$981 in the Mer-  
chant's Office & No.  
1,659 for \$301 in the  
National Office. Please  
to pay these when due  
& charge the several  
amounts to our acct.  
& oblige  
Your friends,  
C. Mitchell & Co.  
P.S. Please to ship by



53  
the Geo. Washington two  
tons first quality clean  
St. Petersburg hemp,  
get it insured and  
charge the amount  
to our ~~det.~~ acct.  
Yours, etc. C. Mitchell & Co.

Nantuxet. 20th May. 1836.  
To the Parents of Hiram  
McKinley.

Philadelphia:

We have just received  
a letter from Thos. W.  
McKinley, dated at  
New York, 16th April.  
1836, making inquiry  
about your son.



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Hysam Mc Kinley, who  
sailed from this port  
in May, 1834, on board  
Ship Phebe, Capt. S. S.  
Russell, and wishing  
us to communicate to  
you any information,  
which we may have  
respecting him. The latest  
information we have  
from that ship is con-  
tained in a letter  
from Capt. Russell,  
dated, at Oaher, Sand-  
wich Islands, 25th  
Nov., 1835, received 9th  
of this month by Ship



Mariner, direct from <sup>55</sup> there. The ship had been one season on the coast of Japan & had obtained 500 barrels of sperm oil. Very few voyages at this time, are performed in less than three years & without some extraordinary success we think this one will be lengthened to near four years.

Capt. Russell does not name any of his crew particularly, but in general terms says



56 They enjoy good health.  
You will see by the  
superscription of this  
letter that we did  
not know who to  
address by name.

Very respectfully.  
C. Mitchell & Co.

Nantucket, 21st May, 1836.  
Messrs. Josiah Bradley & Co..  
Gentlemen: We are in  
want of 350 first  
quality water rotted  
flax & are informed  
by Mr. Reuben R. Bun-  
ker, who has a



Manufactory of  
twine in this place,  
that he gets his flay  
of Geo. Thacher & Co.,  
Long Wharf. Boston.  
He has laid in his  
stock this year of a  
superior lot of American  
flax. If those gentlemen  
would let you have  
some like that, we  
should be glad to have  
it, even if we had to  
pay something more for  
it, but rather than  
have an inferior



58 Kind of American, we  
should prefer first  
quality St. Petersburg.  
We should be glad  
if you would ship  
it by the first packet  
& charge to our acct.  
Very respect-fully your  
friends,

C. Mitchell & Co.

Nantucket, 23d May. 1836.  
Messrs. Josiah Bradlee & Co.,  
Gentlemen: Your favour  
of 16th inst., came  
to hand by the Enter-  
prise, asking advice



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respecting the Winter  
Oil which remains  
unsold. We think  
it would be a  
safe speculation for  
anybody at 90c. but  
as we should probably  
lose less by having it  
sold at that price  
than by keeping it  
over the warm season,  
you are at liberty to  
sell it. We shall  
commence making  
candles as soon as we  
can make them as



dry as New Bedford  
brands, or by the first  
of June.

Very respectfully your friends.  
C. Mitchell & Co.

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Nantucket, Octo., 1836.

Capt. Elisha H. Fisher,

Sir: Having appointed  
you to the Command  
of the ship. Maria, we  
wish you to proceed  
to sea with all con-  
venient dispatch,  
and as the ship



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is furnished with everything necessary for you to proceed to the Pacific Ocean, we do not think it necessary for you to touch at any point this side of Cape Horn, unless you should be so fortunate as to get oil on your passage before passing the Western or Cape Verd Islands. in which case. You can touch at the most convenient



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port of the islands which  
you are nearest to and  
ship it home. Our  
friends in Boston  
are Josiah Bradley & Co.;  
in New York, Jacob  
Macy & Son, to whom  
you will consign the  
oil which you may  
ship. On your arrival  
in the Pacific Ocean,  
you will consider your-  
self at liberty to cruise  
wherever you may think  
the prospect best for a



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Cargo of Sperm oil.

You are at liberty to go into port as often as it becomes necessary to recruit and refit the ships, but you must not prolong your stay for social purposes; and while cruising at sea, you will suffer no visiting to interfere with the interests of the voyage. We have had much cause heretofore to complain of visiting and carousing,



and expect it will<sup>64</sup>  
be avoided by you.  
When in port, do not  
suffer your men to  
sell their clothes to  
buy fruit and liquor,  
but rather give them  
fruit at the ship's  
expense where it is  
plenty, and at no rate,  
suffer liquor to be  
brought on board,  
except in a very  
small quantity &  
that for medical  
purposes only.



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Serious losses have occurred by suffering the officers to neglect a part of their duty, which you must not allow; we mean the practice of leaving the deck in case of boat-steerers, who are not paid for that service. And that you may not misunderstand



us in this respect,  
we repeat that it is  
our desire that you  
require the mates to  
take their regular  
watch in the night  
time while at sea,  
through the whole  
voyage; it will be no  
justification for them  
to omit this part of  
their duty because it  
is not practised on



board some other ship.

We wish you to bear in mind that perfect order is to be maintained on board ship by you & that no quarrelling is to be allowed among the officers, nor between them & the crews, as the success of the voyage depends very much on harmony & united exertion. If the means for recreating the ship with which you are furnished should not



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be sufficient, you are  
at liberty to draw on  
the owners to supply the  
deficiency. You will re-  
member to write the own-  
ers by every opportunity  
& keep them informed  
of the state of the ship &  
progress of the voyage, and  
when you go into port & no  
direct opportunity offers  
for sending letters home,  
write & leave them in  
the care of the Consul or  
some other person who  
will take the care to



69  
forward letters by  
first conveyance.

You have  
now on board the ship  
twenty-two men, including  
officers. You are at liberty,  
after getting round Cape  
Horn, to ship such num-  
ber of men on fair & rea-  
sonable terms as will  
enable you to man four  
boats, provided you  
think it will be for the  
advancement of the voyage,  
always bearing in mind  
to discharge them as



70  
soon as the interests of  
the voyage do not require  
their further services.

We have had  
much cause of Complaint  
that the ship's tools have  
not had proper care &  
attention; we wish you  
on your return to have  
a correct inventory made  
of them & such as are not  
wanted properly packed  
in a cask & headed up.  
We also wish immediately  
after sailing, to have  
the ship's spars, blocks, tools,  
and in fact everything



71  
belonging to the ship, branded;  
the brand for that purpose  
is now in the tool Chest.  
On your return, we wish  
a full inventory of the state  
of the spars, rigging &  
sails belonging to the ship,  
as also all her craft &  
appurtenances. We also  
wish you to keep a record  
of all trading for, or on  
account of, the ship or  
owners. We have named no  
particular ground where  
we wish the ship to cruise;  
our desire is to have you  
steer by your own Compass,



72 and after making up your judgment as to what is best, follow no man's lead, because he is going on to this or that ground. You have our warmest wishes that your voyage may be prosperous & happy.

Geo. B. Upton.  
For Owners of  
Ship Maria.







